



## May Board Meeting Minutes

Utah Soccer Federation  
May 29, 2025 | 6 PM MST

Start 6:13

All board members in attendance: Brian Babcock, Matt Rader, Wes Mcguire, Tim Wheelwright, Renata Lawson, Kendra Halterman, Seven Beckstrom, Skyler Bell, Jamie Okey, Bryan Attridge, Eric Landon, Scot Boyd, Amanda Sanders, Michelle Wixom, Jenni Breckenridge, Augustin Pinon, Blaine Burnett, Kierin Atkin, Creighton Atkin, Shelly Gillwald

### Study Session

- League Schedule Timeline Discussion – Scot Boyd

Scot proposes that tryouts be moved back to 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in June. Registration day will be the second Monday in June. May 10<sup>th</sup> will be the contact day. This is over a 3-week period of time.

Babcock asks if there is a survey that can be sent out to all Organizational Members to hear their thoughts on this.

- Fine Proposal for teams dropping out of league – Scot Boyd

Multiple teams folded after the schedule was released. There is a lot of work involved in updating the schedule when that happens. Scot wanted to share the idea of looking at a fine system for teams when that happens, so that teams are certain they plan to play when they apply their team to hopefully discourage teams from dropping out.

- Tryout Date Discussion – Scot Boyd

Eric Landon talks about how there can be confusion around the tryout dates and that there needs to be a clear understanding of the tryout timeframe for coaches.

Babcock would like to receive feedback from clubs and have a summary sheet to educate clubs on the tryout process.

- Policy for hosting tryouts early for unaffiliated programs (want to play w/ UYSA) – Scot Boyd

Scot Boyd talked about the topic of some teams that are unaffiliated holding their tryouts early before our tryout dates. Brian Babcock believes that if clubs are going to play in our league these members need to follow the policies. So that there is fairness for all teams.

- Region Boundary Re-alignment – Jamie Okey

Jamie Okey asks the board if it makes sense to re-boundary regions in support for teams that are further out.

She asks if it makes sense to move Heber and Park City into region 4. Shelly Gillwald responds that she and Jamie have been discussing this. She has talked to some Heber directors, and they agree that it could be beneficial to be in Region 4. Brian Babcock



asks if she can fine tune the details, and reach out to staff with this information as that can be presented to the board.

### Reports & Announcements

- Protest, Appeals, and Discipline – Scot Boyd  
Scot Boyd gives a summary of the disciplinary from the last season. He mentioned that there was not a lot of disciplinary, 4 players got the 2-game suspension, 1 coach said the wrong things. Recruiting issue from SUJRL.
- Legacy Fields Report – Shelley Gillwald  
Shelly gave the board an overview on her onboarding, she has introduced herself to the clubs, contacted all board members to understand the players in their communities and their perspective. She will be meeting with Orden and Michelle to talk about the projects going on in the state. She wants people to actively participate. She is working on how she will define the purpose of the committee to find people that can help with grants and funding resources. She is looking to see if there is more that can come outside of the player fees. Going into the next soccer year, building committees, gathering resources and FAQ for people.  
She talked about the projects that are in progress.  
Skyler mentions that his region feels like there is not a lot of space in their region for building fields, but he is hopeful and says that there are also ways to revitalize fields.
- National Soccer Landscape – Eric Landon  
Eric goes over the national soccer landscape.  
He expressed concerns about the growth of unaffiliated programs, burnout of smaller clubs, and economic barriers for families.  
He asks how we stay relevant and flexible for long term sustainability and to evolve so that we can fit teams into the gaming league.  
Tim Wheelwright worries that catering to these clubs may not prioritize our majority who do not play those leagues.
- Utah Soccer Federation Golf Tournament – Bryan Attridge  
Golf tournament is August 13<sup>th</sup> at Stonebridge Golf Course.
- Referee Petition Update – Bryan Attridge  
Bryan met with Joel Rincon and received some good feedback from him. Bryan says that he looks forward to further support and communication with the referees in the future.
- Sponsor Update – America First Credit Union – Bryan Attridge  
1 year deal for title sponsor cash back program for recreation, and incentive for players that join America First \$50 for them if they open and account.
- Submission Conflict of Interest  
Asks all staff and board members to fill out the conflict of interest form
- <https://tinyurl.com/vwp3rfc9>

**Staff update-**



Blaine has retired and Augustin has been promoted to his position and Kierin Atkin was hired to fill Augustin's previous role. Augustin gave a update on the adult side.

### **Consent Agenda**

- **February Board Meeting Minutes**
- **Financials**

Pass by consent

### **Business Agenda**

2025/2026 Budget Proposal

Bryan met with the finance committee and talked about finances.

Motion Skyler Bell to approve budget

Second by Jamie Okey

All in favor

- Membership Applications

o Peak Soccer Club-Kylie Hoffman attended on call to talk to the board about the Peak Soccer Club. The club is in Region 2. Peak is former Utah Surf Davis. Tim Wheelwright notes that he gives full support of Peak becoming an Organizational member. This club started as Davis futbol club and had a lot of success, and then they became part of Utah Surf Davis. The player count is 788. So not necessarily a new club but more of a rename.

Tim Wheelwright motions approval of membership

Wes Austin seconds

All in favor

o Impact City FC

Impact City FC is in Region 3. It was started by Chandler Hoffman. Chandler attended the board meeting to share about his club. They currently have 168 players and started in 2014.

They are based in Millcreek and Daybreak.

Skyler mentions that he has heard a lot of good about Impact City FC.

Motion by Skyler Bell

Seconded Tim Wheelwright

o Premier FC

Premier FC is based in Southern Utah, Region 6. They currently have 170 players. The Premier FC Club is run by Malia Martin and Eric McDonald

Steve Beckstrom motions

Second by Jamie Okey

All in favor

### **Good of the Game**